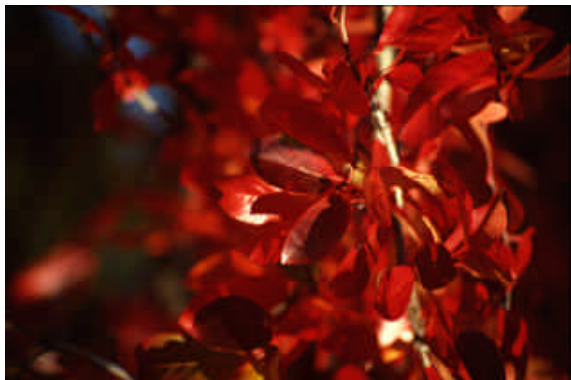


# Nyssa sylvatica

## Blackgum



The form of blackgum makes it a prized landscape tree with its straight trunk and horizontal, spreading branches. Lustrous green leaves turn gorgeous shades of orange and scarlet in the fall. Blue-black fruits are highly prized by birds. Grows in wetter areas, but can tolerate drier sites. Shelter it from harsh winds, since it is at its northern limit in Michigan.

***Suggested Companions:*** pagoda dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*), spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*), beech (*Fagus grandifolia*)

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Plant Type: Tree

Size: 50-75' H  
35-50' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Forested Wetland  
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist  
Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

White  
Green

Bloom Time:

May  
June

Other Attributes:

Fall color  
Bird attracting  
Wildlife attracting

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No